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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

10/615,924

Applicant(s)

PICHLER ET AL.

Examiner

Mariceli Santiago

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

The Amendment, filed on July 10, 2003, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Cancellation of claims 1-25 has been entered.

Claims 26-31 are pending in the instant application.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nagayama (US 5,814,417).

Regarding claim 26, Nagayama discloses an organic electroluminescent device (Fig. 1E) comprising an anode (2) formed of a positive charge carrier injecting material, a cathode (6) formed of a negative charge injecting material, a light emissive layer (4) located between the

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anode and cathode, and a dielectric layer (3) located between the light emissive layer and the anode.

Regarding claim 27, Nagayama discloses an organic electroluminescent device wherein the thickness of the carbon layer is between 10 to 500 Å.

Claims 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Iwanaga et al. (US 5,710,484).

Regarding claim 28, Iwanaga discloses an organic electroluminescent device (Fig. 1) comprising an anode (2) formed of a positive charge carrier injecting material, a cathode (5) formed of a negative charge injecting material, a light emissive layer (4) located between the anode and cathode, and a layer of carbon (6) located between the light emissive layer and the anode.

Regarding claim 29, Iwanaga discloses an organic electroluminescent device wherein the thickness of the carbon layer is between 10 to 500 Å (Table 1).

Claims 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Arai et al. (US 5,981,092).

Regarding claim 30, Arai discloses an organic electroluminescent device (Fig. 1) comprising an anode (22) formed of a positive charge carrier injecting material, a cathode (25) formed of a negative charge injecting material, a light emissive layer (24) located between the anode and cathode, and located between the light emissive layer and the anode, a layer of conductive oxide (23) selected from the group consisting of tin oxide, zinc oxide, and nickel oxide.

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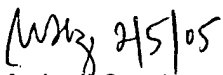
Regarding claim 31, Arai discloses an organic electroluminescent device wherein the thickness of the carbon layer is between 10 to 500 Å (Column 5, lines 13-16).

**Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mariceli Santiago whose telephone number is (571) 272-2464. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel, can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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